

## On the Firing Line

Once more the circulation report begins to look good. With the same enthusiasm all along the line that has been manifested for the past two weeks it will be an easy matter to reach the fifty thousand mark by January first.

A new idea has occurred to the circulation man and he is going to give it to you for all it is worth.

Take a copy of The Menace to your local editor and ask him to read it, then give it a mention in the local paper. It doesn't matter whether his mention is favorable or unfavorable, just as he gives the name and address of The Menace and the subscription price. If every member of the army would do this there is no telling how much it would help. By this means practically every family in the nation who can read could be informed as to The Menace and its cause. Try this and see how easy it is.

Remember that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" and that the effectiveness of The Menace and its work depends upon the circulation YOU give it.

New workers are flocking to our standard as the days go by, and they are enthusiastic in their praise of the biggest little paper on earth. Words of inspiration from a few of the faithful follow:

Connersville, Pa.—"Hurrah for The Menace! Keep at it; you will down the Catholics yet."

West Milan, N. H.—"Saturday night a friend gave me a copy of The Menace. It is indeed an eye-opener."

Pase Christian, Miss.—"I received a sample copy of The Menace, for which I thank you very much indeed."

Brook, Neb.—"Your paper is the best thing that we ever had here. Keep at it, give us all the truth, we admire your courage."

Irwin, Minn.—"I am delighted with The Menace; it is just what is needed at this time to awaken Protestants out of their sleep."

Hoboken, Pa.—"Your paper is just what is needed, and badly too, to arouse the sleeping Protestants to the great dangers before them."

Waverly, Conn.—"Your paper is a grand thing; it is just the thing that is needed to wake the people up. May God help you in your efforts."

Childress, Texas.—"The sword of truth has pierced the Old Hag of the Tiber under the third rib—and, thank God, she is dying at this place."

Tarentum, Pa.—"I found The Menace on the street last Sunday morning and had it to be a great paper. I will get some subs in a day or so."

Del Rio, Texas.—"Your paper was loaned to me, and I loaned it to a friend, who is carried away with it, and now getting up a list of subs."

West Mansfield, Ohio.—"I am with you heart, head and hand in exposing corruption in the fraternity of bachelors and sorority of maids."

North Tonawanda, N. Y.—"Your paper is great, keep up the good work, for you are showing a light, and people will soon begin to see things."

Martinsburg, Pa.—"I am in public business here and have to work very quietly but hope to be able to twist the lion's tail off before I get through with him."

Lexington, Ohio.—"Be patient and work, and after a while you can put your ear to the ground and hear the tread of the greatest enemy that ever trod American soil."

Claremont, N. H.—"I was brought up a Catholic, but during the past year my mind has experienced a change, the more I see and hear, the more I decide I am to renounce it."

Berryville, Ark.—"I hope that you may be instrumental in getting truth before the people and in turning light into the hidden and dark places of sin and show the deeds of Romanism."

Marion, Ill.—"God bless The Menace; God bless the thousands of people who know a good thing when they see it. May God help a million more to see it soon. The Menace is a timely benediction to the nation."

Cheyenne Agency, S. D.—"The American people are asleep, but Rome never sleeps. Anything to arouse our people, and to tell them of the things menacing their institutions should be supported."

Bremerton, Wash.—"I have seen but one copy of your paper, that is sufficient. I think the world should have it, and I wish you the success which a man deserves who has the moral courage to speak the truth."

Martins Ferry, Ohio.—"The Menace dropped into my hands. I have read two numbers and feel grateful to you that you have such courageous journalists who so fearlessly tell the truth. May your paper have an unusually large patronage."

Swissvale, Pa.—"A friend handed me The Menace the other day and I was so taken up with it that I showed it to some of my friends; they asked me if it was a subscriber, and I said I was not, but was going to be, and they said, 'Good in our names, too!'"

Piqua, Ohio.—"Please enroll me as one who is ready to help free this country from the grip of that venomous reptile, Romanism. I certainly congratulate you upon your fearlessness in warning the people of the dangers of this gigantic octopus."

Haviland, Kans.—"I have lived in a Catholic community most of my life and know that it is rotten to the core. But you have exposed things that I

never dreamed of and I am heartily in sympathy with you in your war against the Roman Catholic devil in our land."

Phillipsburg, N. J.—"Long before I saw The Menace I wondered why some one did not take up such work and show up their trickery, and I wish you every success. If I were a millionaire you'd have a nice little sum sent you for the work. You will hear from me again."

Newark, N. J.—"I received a copy of The Menace and to say that I was very much pleased with its contents is putting it mildly. It is gratifying to find out that there are some people in this country who have backbone enough to take the stand against Catholicism, or in other words, the man in the grass, as you have. I have been raised as a member of the Catholic church, and know full well the workings of this grafting institution."

Purdin, Mo.—"Last week a copy of The Menace fell into my hands which I have read carefully. I am glad to know that there are men who are working so loyally in warning the American people of the greatest danger that is now threatening this free country of ours. It is high time the American people were waking out of their sleep before that great Octopus, Roman Catholicism, has them so completely within its power that liberty and freedom, for which our forefathers bled and died that we might enjoy, is taken away from us, as will be the case if we do not crush that hideous monster out of the United States of America. I think your paper grand, and wish I could place it in every home in America."

## TO CLARK'S RESCUE.

It was only week before last we announced that The Menace would receive and account for funds for the defense of William Lloyd Clark, yet the contributions have started already and we feel that they will be unstinted.

Let it be remembered that Mr. Clark's fight is your fight, and that if he loses to the Roman hierarchy in his fight for free speech and a free press, there is no telling who will be the next victim to fall under the axe of the inquisition.

With reference to this fund we have a letter which we wish to produce, as it shows the esteem in which Mr. Clark is held by men who know him. It is from W. H. Boles, president of the American Party, and follows in part:

"I have known Wm. Lloyd Clark's work for years. I know him personally, and regard him as one of the greatest heroes of this age. I contributed to him during the trial and will contribute more if needed."

This is the spirit which will have to manifest itself if we carry this case to the court of last resort, and that's what will have to be done to determine the real status of our liberties.

There are hundreds of subscribers to this paper who are able to put up the whole cost of this case and not miss it, but we are not asking them to do that, neither are we asking donations from people who are not able to spare the money. Mr. Clark had sooner go to jail than deprive a poor man of a single penny which he needs himself. But those who feel able to do so are asked to contribute something, and if all these will help only a little the burden will fall lightly on all. The contributions so far received are as follows:

The Menace ..... \$25.00  
Mrs. J. Toulce, Ill. .... 1.00  
J. Gramelapacher, Ind. .... 4.50  
Jas. Meek, Mo. .... 1.00  
Friends in Ill. .... 1.25  
E. S. Franke, New York. .... 3.00  
W. S. Evans, Pa. .... 1.00  
Friends in Tenn. .... 2.00  
L. H. Westphal, Wis. .... 1.00  
Four working women, Mo. .... 1.00  
Friends in Ohio. .... 3.00  
W. H. Parsons, Kansas. .... 1.00  
A Friend, New York. .... 1.00

Total ..... \$45.75

Remember that the above are the donations received since the invitation for contributions in No. 30 of The Menace. Also bear in mind that your name will not be used if you request us not to do so.

## WHAT THE MENACE WANTS

It wants subscribers. Two thousand a week is splendid, but 4,000 a week is twice as good—and five times better, because it multiplies readers.

Evidences are not wanting to prove that we could get money for quitting the job.

Money is not what we are after. We hunger for sub—the power of readers—and the making of a saving sentiment to what we are after.

We are ambitious to block the scheme to make America Catholic.

If any man thinks there is great wealth in a 35-cent paper, go talk to the next printer you see.

Buffalo Catholics want \$100,000 to start a Catholic daily.

We don't. We want a million subscribers. That's our goal and ambition.

Give us one—one million men—and The Menace will make the political rewards quit kissing the pope's toe.

Mr. Reader of this paper, you are a subscriber agent. The work must be voluntary. It must be without price and without compensation. If you are a regular subscriber, remember that it means you. If this is a sample copy, or your first copy, remember that some friend of YOURS who deems you a patriot has asked and paid to have the sample sent to you. 'Tis a "Sign and a Summon" to awaken. Let it not fall upon deaf ears or enter a heart benumbed or dead to its country's need. Get into the firing line. Subscribers get your friends to do likewise. The price is 50 cents a year, single subscriptions; in clubs of four or more 25 cents a year each.

## COUNTS AND NO-COUNTS

Despite the fact that the United States constitution says, "No title of nobility shall be granted by the United States," titles of nobility are being granted to the United States, and that by a power that assumes to have sovereignty above the people. Here are a few of the titles that have, in the past ten years, been conferred by the pope of Rome on Americans:

John D. Crimmons, given the title of count.

Martin Maloney, title of marquis.

John Goode, of Brooklyn, title of count.

Dr. John Emmet, of New York, count.

John Creighton, of Omaha, count.

Richard Kehrman, a prominent republican politician of St. Louis, the title of chamberlain to the pope.

Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, a contributor to Bryan's campaign fund, prince.

Eugene and Thomas Kelly, made members of the Knights of St. Gregory, with the title of sir.

Adrian Isella, of New York, Knight of St. Gregory.

Mrs. W. T. Sherman, Mary Caldwell, Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kulaga, of St. Louis, have all been knighted by the pope.

We do not, indeed, prize as highly as some of our countrymen appear to do the ability to read, write, and cipher. Some men are born leaders, and the rest are born to be led. The best ordered and administered state is that in which the few are well educated and lead, and the many are trained to obedience.—The Catholic Review.

## A PROMISED STATEMENT

The Menace promised to make a statement concerning its hopes, plans, purposes, and ideals, so that its friends and enemies could be unerringly guided in their conduct when dealing with this paper.

We will state first, negatively, our position:

1. The Menace is not owned by outside parties.
2. There are no political or financial strings to it.
3. No party or parties, cabal or faction of men own, direct or control the policy, patronage, or politics of The Menace.
4. The Menace is neither Democratic, Republican, Socialist, or Prohibitionist, the members of all these parties are employees.
5. The Menace has no fortune or rich backers behind it. It lives by faith in its constituency.
6. It has no presidential candidates, has no plan of action other than meeting the great issues set forth in its pages from week to week.

1. The Menace is owned and published by Phelps and McClure; all others are employees.

2. The publishers have a large printing plant and publish a local paper. This business supplements the paper and makes it possible to print The Menace at all.

3. The publishers believe the time is ripe for a large circulation of a low-priced, national, patriotic paper, devoted to the freedom of the press, free public schools, free speech, freedom of worship and belief, in a free church, in a free State and Nation.

4. The Menace says to all parties, religious faiths, and no faiths, "Get into the ring and The Menace will do its utmost to secure for every one of you a fair chance and a free fight, believing that truth can master error, and democracy, the dream of ages, be fulfilled when Fatherhood and Brotherhood shall have fully possessed the lives of men."

The Menace has attacked the Roman Catholic hierarchy, because it is the political oligarchy destroying the freedom of will, choice and action of individuals, a menace to free men, measures, press, schools, enlightenment. Because these men bulk large in public affairs, overturning law and constitution, and intimidate by word and works, by threats and boycotts, parties, business and social and political life—the rapid firing gun, The Menace has planted itself on the far-dung battle line and opened fire upon the hierarchy with tremendous success.

## WITH THE HIERARCHY.

There will be Catholic presidents.—Theodore Roosevelt in his letter to a revolutionist November 7th, 1904.

New York Evening Post, September 12, 1905: "People are growing uneasy because Mr. Taft is believed to be too friendly with Rome."

Pope Leo XIII, Nov. 5, 1895: "All Catholics MUST make themselves felt as active elements in daily POLITICAL life in countries where they live."

Boniface VIII, in a Papal Bull, "Moreover, we declare, say, define and pronounce that every human being should be subject to the Roman pontiff, to be an article of NECESSARY FAITH."

To Mr. Taft Pope Leo expressed the hope that he would one day realize his dream of having an American diplomatic representative accredited to the holy see.—Tribune, Rome, Nov. 5, 1905.

Warmest and most sincere congratulations. The choice of the republicans party, you are no less the choice of the American nation. Proper precedents at issue. (Prosperity attend your rule).—Telegram sent Taft by Archbishop Ireland when Taft was nominated.

London press dispatch in Burlington, Vt. Free Press, September 12, 1905: "Mr. Averas, who is now in Rome, is said by The Globe correspondent to have informed the pope that his conviction is that Taft will be elected. The correspondent adds that it is well known the pope strongly favors the republican candidate."

Archbishop Ireland at St. Louis, October 18, 1904: "I urge on all Catholics, make yourselves fit for the highest offices in this country, according to your number. I have heard the statement that there will never be a Catholic president of the United States. That is all nonsense."

Justice Fuller of the supreme court of the United States, thus recognized the temporal power of the pope in a decision affecting Porto Rican lands, rendered June 1, 1905:

"The corporate existence (trust feature) of the Roman Catholic church, as well as the position occupied by the papacy, have always been recognized by the government of the United States. The Holy See still occupies a recognized position in international law of which the courts must take judicial notice. The pope,

though deprived of the territorial dominion which he formerly enjoyed, holds as sovereign pontiff and head of the Roman Catholic church in a spiritual position. Though, in default of territory, he is not a temporal sovereign, he is in many respects treated as such. He has the right of active and passive legislation, and his envoys of the first class, his apostolic nuncios, are especially privileged.—Moore's Digest 12."

The papal Italian lobby in Washington says Congressman Sherman (Republican) of the twenty-seventh New York district, is the faithful and persistent friend of the lobby, getting money from the government for papal Italian schools in spite of all opposition.—American Herald-Examiner, January, 1906. (Later in the year Sherman was nominated for vice-president, so if Taft should die there would still be a friend of Rome at court.)

Pope Pius is reported to have said in conversation with an American prelate that he wished William H. Taft would be elected president, as he was convinced the Oldman would continue the good work begun by Roosevelt with respect to Catholicism. It is hoped that if Mr. Taft is elected president the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Vatican and America may be realized.—Dispatch from Rome in Chicago Daily News.

## GET OUT OF POLITICS.

We are opposed to the Catholic church in politics because it is not ruled by its members but by the religious head, who insists on obedience from his subjects under direct penalties.

Furthermore, this ruler is opposed to our free public schools; and is opposed to the teaching of science, and is endeavoring through all the weapons which he and his entire organization can forge to stay the march of progressive thought. This thought he describes as Modernism.

One feature of progressive thought is Republicanism and Democracy—the People's Rule in place of the rule of Kings and of party "Machines." The Roman Catholic ruler in the United States is openly opposing the restoration of the People's Rule in this land of Washington, Jefferson, Jackson and Lincoln; and of course this opposition by the Roman Catholic Ruler is echoed by his archbishops, bishops, priests, and by most of the members.

The contest is now in the open. "It is for us, the living, to highly resolve that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

## CHURCH GAMBLING.

From W. Christian Advocate.

Just as several hundred patrons of a lottery in New York were waiting expectantly for a blindfolded girl to draw the lucky ticket from a barrel, which would entitle the holder to an automobile, officers of the law appeared on the scene and quietly suggested to the promoters that to proceed with the gambling program would result in arrest. It was then that the event was called off with \$5000 in the hands of the projectors.

It will be no surprise to our readers to know that this gambling scheme was conducted under the auspices of the Roman Catholic church; that the chief director was the priest of the church of the Carmelites, and many who purchased tickets were poor parishioners, who could ill afford the risk. The purpose of the lottery was to furnish means to pay off a mortgage. This was the seventh year it had been conducted, and will probably be the last.

We recently saw a big sign stretched across a local Roman Catholic church, telling of an event of the same sort, where an automobile would be gambled off, and urging the public to take chances. The fact is, one of the most extensive gambling institutions in the country, since the Louisiana lottery has been driven out, is the Roman Catholic church. These churchmen know that these raffles are gambling, pure and simple; that by them they not only are violating the law of the land, but are cultivating and keeping alive one of the most dangerous systems imaginable; and, strange to say, an indiscriminating public complacently endures the unlawful procedure. The fact that the prize is a \$5,000 automobile instead of \$3,000 in cash alters in no slightest way the fact of gambling. A conscience that will permit such resort to raise money, even to pay off a church mortgage, is afflicted with serious aberration.

The man who fights acts gets fighting mad; so does Rome.

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## SAID BY THE GREAT.

It is proper to take alarm at the first encroachments on our liberty.—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Guard with jealous attention the public liberty. Suspect everyone who approaches that jewel.—Patrick Henry

If the people are silent under oppression, it is liberty—the fourness of death is public liberty.—Jefferson.

For a nation to love liberty, it is sufficient that she know it, and to be free it is sufficient that she will it.—Lafayette.

Catholic control has left Brazil with 4,000,000 persons that cannot read or write. There is not a university or technical school of rank.—Everett.

When a religion is good, I conceive that it will support itself, and when it cannot support itself and God does not take care to support it, so its professors are obliged to call help from the civil power; it is a sign, I apprehend, of its being a bad one.—Benjamin Franklin.

Do not trust any church with political power, for it so, the rights of others will surely have to suffer. I represent an unusually liberal body, but I would not put them in the hands of others, who have exhibited an intolerant spirit in this and other lands.—T. W. Smith, American Missionary.

The Italian priests, unique in the world, are the real enemies of their country, and when Italy finds herself pledged to defend her land against invasion, the priest will be the spy of the enemy, and will excite a civil war in the country where all these ministers have left him absolute master.—Garibaldi.

The wisdom of resistance (to tyranny) at the beginning, has been repeatedly inculcated by the wise and liberal-minded of all nations, and the experience of every age hath confirmed their instructions. But to precept can make the bulk of mankind wise for themselves.—Josiah Quincy, Jr.

The divorce between church and state ought to be absolute. It ought to be so absolute that no church property anywhere, in any state, or in the nation should be exempt from taxation; for if you exempt the property of any church organization, it is that extent you impose a tax upon the whole community.—President Garfield to Congress, June 22, 1874.

Rome's attitude toward the education of the masses should be inferred from her course in those countries where she has, or has had, undisputed sway; and there she has kept the people in besotted ignorance. Instance her own Italy, where seventy-three per cent of the population are illiterate; or Spain, where we find eighty per cent; or Mexico, where ninety-three per cent belong to this class.—Dr. Josiah Strong's, Our Country.

## IT DISTURBS HIM

Dear Sirs:—Please discontinue sending The Menace to my address. The paper is all right I guess but it does not think pretty strong sometimes. I think I am informed on the subject and there is no use of my being disturbed so much by reading all these things. EDWARD A. STRONG, Ft. Smith, Ark.

"Don't wake me up till my pipe goes out," says the man from Arkansas. It really would be too bad to disturb this fellow. He's at ease in Zion, and his snoring doesn't disturb any one else. If the Jews get after him he can rank himself over the fence by his boot straps and make his getaway, and it doesn't matter what happens to his wife and children. I am convinced that this fellow shouldn't be disturbed and have, therefore, taken his name from the list. There is no question but what he is worth just as much to the human race asleep as he would be if he were awake.

MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN

Helena, Mont. Nov. 11, 1911. The Menace, Aurora, Mo. Please do not send your yellow sheet to my address any more.

VICTOR DAY.

The above is the contents of a postal card received at The Menace office last week. There must be a mistake out somewhere. Father Ballou says the gentleman evidently intended to address the card to the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Tax the vast holdings of the Roman Catholic church, much of which is business property, farms, and manufacturing institutions.

Rome's political machine is run by the engine of priestcraft.